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**PERMANENT BIAS FLUX** )  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action of January 9, 2003, regarding the Notice of Non-Compliant amendment, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An electromagnetic bearing for a thrust member having a distal region extending outwardly from a support comprising: